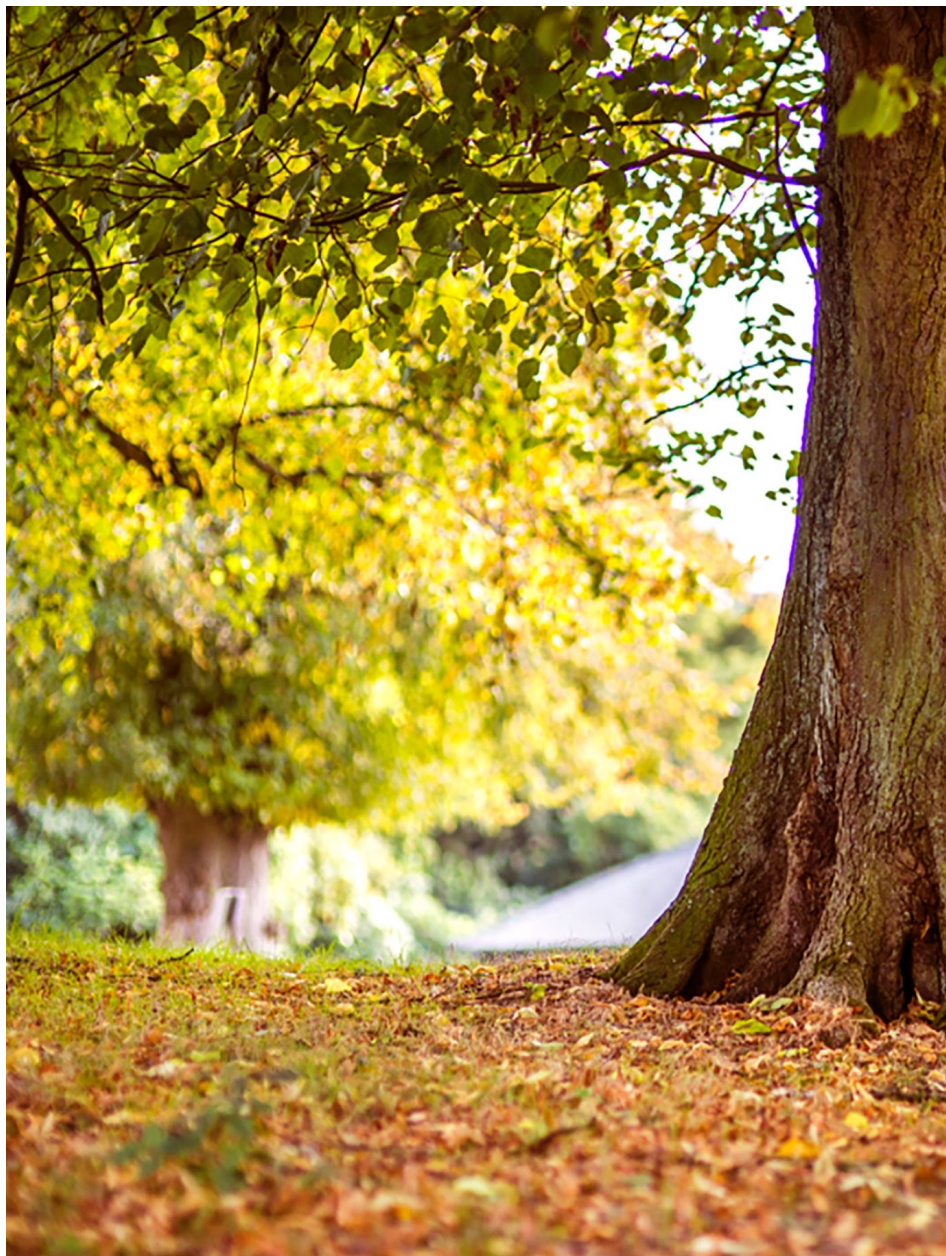


ST. MARTIN'S MONTHLY

September 2019

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The Vicar is available for consultation and enquiries by appointment.
Please ring the Parish Office.

Articles for the next month's magazine should be sent to
The Parish Office (email: stmartins@stmartinswestacton.com)
Please title the email "magazine item"

They should reach the Editor by 13th September.
The October magazine will be on sale by 23rd September.

Note from Brandy

When September comes, I find myself looking around for something new to do, a new project to undertake, something new to learn. Through all those years of school and college – September marked the beginning of a new year, with new subjects to study, even moving to a new school or college, with all its challenges and opportunities. Like most priests, my ordination course began in September.

Another way of seeing it, is that the evenings are beginning to draw in. Our ancestors were bringing in the harvest, and spending time storing and preserving – life began to move indoors after the summer out in the fields, perhaps. Today, the holiday season has passed. The well-organised are turning towards the buying or making of Christmas presents and cards (unless you were my mother-in-law, who started buying Christmas presents in January!).

Here at St Martin's we have a new beginning. At the time of writing, the name of our new vicar has been announced – The Revd Julia Palmer – I'm sure there will be a piece by her elsewhere in the magazine. She will begin her ministry here at her service of Institution and Induction on September 4th.

As a parish, we are in a liminal place. The word liminal comes from the word for a threshold. We are in a

transition from no vicar to new vicar, a beginning for us all. Together with our new vicar, we are stepping through a doorway into the future. If we are mindful and prayerful, none of us will trip over the step!

Let us pray for Julia and for one another as we move forward together. When we look to the future, it is always about trusting God, who was with us in the past, is with us here in the present and will be with us in the future, leading us onwards.

Brandy

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GOOD NEWS!

It is wonderful to be able to tell everyone that Revd Julia Palmer has been offered, and has accepted, the post of Vicar of St Martins.

The Service of Installation will be on

4th September 2019, at 8pm

Please do come and support her, and us, at that service, and give her a warm welcome from St Martins.

Julia has written a brief biography to introduce herself to us:

Hi, I'm Rev Julia Palmer and will soon be your new vicar! You're probably a bit curious about who I am so some key facts. I was ordained deacon in 1999 and priest in 2000 - a millennium priest – beginning at the same time as Common Worship! I've ministered in the Diocese of Rochester and the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham in various roles. Before theological college I lived in West Kensington and worked mainly in Public Relations but spent some time working for a Christian charity called Grandma's – a charity helping women and children with AIDS and HIV. I'm married to David and have three children, all grown up. My hobbies include walking and reading detective novels and I also do some work as a part time counsellor.

I look forward to meeting you all and journeying with you and pray that God will bless our time together in this new ministry.

WELCOME PARISH LUNCH

To welcome Julia to our community, and to mark the end of the summer holiday season, there will be a Parish Lunch in the church on

Sunday 8th September at 12 noon. £10, concessions £5 (children under 10)

Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church.



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by

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on Wednesday September 4th 2019 at 8pm.
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Clergy are invited to robe (cassock alb, white stole)
Refreshments will be served after the service.

RSVP by 30th August 2019
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NEW MAGAZINE EDITOR REQUIRED!

Are you looking for a creative role?

Do you fancy doing something fun and supporting St. Martin's at the same time?

This Autumn I will be standing down as editor of the Parish Magazine after over a year in the role. This is a very rewarding job and very straightforward. Each month you bring together the different articles and notices alongside photos of the different events. There is always an opportunity to write your own articles and it's a great way to become involved in the community at St. Martin's. There is always a lot of support when needed and plenty of events to cover. If you are interested, or have any questions, please just ask me in person or send me an email – ecr.edgington@gmail.com

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The Organists' Lunch

On Sunday 11th August, St. Martin's held its annual Organists' lunch. Thank you so much to Camilla and Bob Reid for hosting the event, it was a lovely afternoon by all accounts!



WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT AS A JUNIOR CHURCH LEADER?

Do you enjoy the company of children and young people? Would you like to help to inspire them to learn about our Christian faith at the same time as having fun?

We are looking for a few more people to join our rota of junior church leaders at St Martins, to help us continue our thriving junior church.

This would involve helping plan and run the session as part of a team of two once every 6-8 weeks (depending how many people we have on the rota). We have a range of resources available with plenty of ideas for activities to fit in with the seasons and scripture readings, and training would be provided. A full Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check would be required, which we would arrange, in line with our safeguarding policy.

If you think you might like to help, or would just like to find out more, please speak to our assistant curate Bryony Franklin, or email her on bryonyfranklin@gmail.com

PIZZA AND POSSIBILITIES

Some of our young people got together over shared pizza in July to think about what we could do better at St Martins for our young people in the 10-15 age group. They came up with lots of great ideas, including making better use of the church garden, helping out with community projects such as helping the homeless, having a wider range of age appropriate activities in junior church, arranging church activities and trips, and having more input into decision making in the church. In terms of things that we do already, it seems that fetes, and parish lunches are very popular, as are anything involving sweets and biscuits!

The junior church leadership team will next be giving these ideas some thought and working how best to take them forwards.

Junior Church Summer Photo Competition



This summer it's all about LOVE!

St. Martin's is running a photo competition and it's just 50p per entry! Enter as many times as you wish!

The theme is 'love', something we often talk about in Junior Church. You can take a photo of anything, friends, family, your holiday, your pets, anything that for you, means love.

There are three age groups

- under 5s
- 5 - 8 years old
- 9 years plus

Send your entries to Lizzy Edgington (ecr.edgington@gmail.com) with your name, age and short description of your photo.

The competition finishes midnight,
Sunday 15th September.

The winning entry and prize will be announced at the beginning of October.

If you have any questions just ask Lizzy or Bryony.

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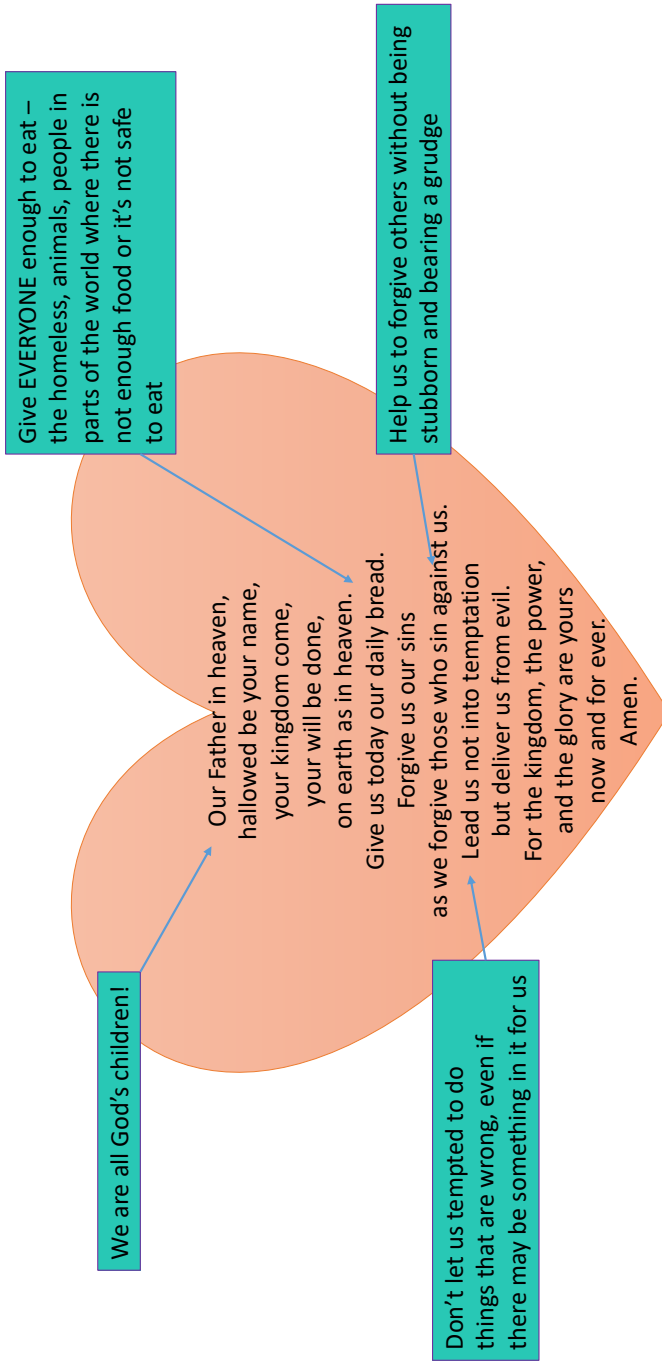
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PRAYERS WITH SWEETS AND TEASPOONS

Sunday 28th July saw the junior church learning to pray - using sweets and teaspoons! The gospel reading was from Luke 11, in which Jesus taught his disciples what we now know as the Lord's Prayer, so it seemed like the perfect way to think about different ways of praying. As well as saying the Lord's Prayer, we also tried the following:

- Taking it in turns to take a sweet from a packet of different coloured sweets, with different colours representing things like our families, our friends, our environment, the world....
- The teaspoon ("TSP") prayer - T for Thank you [for something good], S for Sorry [for what we have done wrong], and P for Please [for God's help with something]....
- Praying in your head while you clean your teeth
- Saying thank you to God for three good things when you go to bed
- Talking to God like a friend or parent
- Some of the older children also thought about the Lord's Prayer in more detail and what it meant to them.

Hopefully we encouraged the children to try different ways of praying!





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Usual Sunday Services

8am: Holy Communion
10am: Parish Communion
6.30pm: Evensong

Our Junior Church meets in the Church Hall at 10am
except when there is an All-Age or Parade Service.

Japanese Anglican Church UK

meets every third Sunday of the month:
(except July, August and December)

3pm Bible Study and Evening Worship in Japanese

Every **Wednesday** in the Parish Room

11am: Informal Eucharist followed by the Coffee Club at 11.30am